GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES AND MINERALS
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SUPERVISION OVER EXTRACTION OF COAL
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Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any supervision of the Union Government over the extraction of coal by open cast system in Assam and Meghalaya:

(b) if so, the rules regulated for the private parties engaged in extraction of coal in the above states;

(c) whether there is any licensing authority to grant permission for open cast mining;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the amount realised by the Union Government and the State Governments and the quantity of coal extracted from 1995-96 to 1998-99, year-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINES AND MINERALS

(SMT. RITA VERMA)

(a) Union Government through Ministries of Mines & Minerals (Department of Coal), Labour, Environment & Forests and through Planning Commission exercise supervision on coal extraction in the coal mines under North Eastern Coalfields / Coal India Ltd. including opencast mines in the States of Assam and Meghalaya.

(b) to (d) There is no specific rule regulating the private participation in extraction of coal in Assam and Meghalaya. The Mines and Minerals (Regulation & Development) Act, 1957 provides the rules for grant of mining leases for extraction of minerals including coal and lignite. Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act,1973 contains the provision for eligibility of coal mining in the country. As per the provisions in Section 3(3) (a)
(iii) of the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973, the private sector companies engaged in production of iron and steel, generation of thermal power and production of cement can mine coal for captive consumption in their respective end-user plants. After the allotment of captive blocks by the Screening Committee of the Department of Coal to these parties, they are required to apply for Central Government recognition to the persons to prepare the mining plans. The mining plans prepared by such recognised persons are required to be got approved by the empowered Standing Committee of the Department of Coal and thereafter these parties are required to file applications for grant of mining lease before the concerned State Government. After the mining lease is granted by the concerned State Government, the private sector companies can mine coal for captive consumption. Therefore, the Licensing Authority or the Authority to grant mining leases is the concerned State Government.

(e) Requisite information in respect of coal produced by North Eastern Coalfields (NEC) under Coal India Ltd. in the State of Assam is given below: -

Year	Coal extracted (in lakh tonnes)			Amount accrued to the Govt. of India (Rs. in lakhs)		Amount accrued to the State Govt. of Assam (Rs.in lakhs)	
	UG	OC	Total	Cess	CST	Royalty	AGST
1995-96	3.00	5.21	8.21	28.74	345.34	985.20	86.34
1996-97	2.79	4.73	7.52	26.32	328.35	902.40	82.09
1997-98	2.01	4.86	6.87	24.05	310.96	824.40	77.74
1998-99	1.80	4.57	6.37	22.30	288.33	764.40	72.08

There is no coal production in the State of Meghalaya by North Eastern Coalfields.